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This is in response to the Final Office Letter dated **June 13, 2005**, please reexamine the above-identified application in view of the remarks set forth below.

REMARKS

Status of Claims

Claims 1, 3-7 and 9-12 are pending. Claims 1 and 7 are independent claims. Claims 2-6 are dependent on claim 1, and claims 9-12 are dependent on claim 7.

Claim Rejections under Section 102(e)

Claims 1, 2, 7 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by van den Branden et al. Applicant respectfully traverses this Section 102(e) rejection.

Claims 2 and 8 have been cancelled. As noted above, claims 1 and 7 are independent claims.

Turning first to independent claim 1 it is directed to a video production apparatus for reproducing video data based on a video bit stream having a plurality of pictures and also having a picture type representing a type of encoding for each of the plurality of pictures. The video reproduction apparatus of claim 1 includes the following features: